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# H. R. 2229

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. ISSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “War Memorial Preser-  
5 vation Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS AS PART OF**  
2 **MILITARY MEMORIALS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Chapter 21 of title 36, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 2113. Inclusion of religious symbols as part of mili-**  
7 **tary memorials**

8 “(a) **INCLUSION OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS AUTHOR-**  
9 **IZED.**—To recognize the religious background of members  
10 of the United States Armed Forces, religious symbols may  
11 be included as part of—

12 “(1) a military memorial that is established or  
13 acquired by the United States Government; or

14 “(2) a military memorial that is not established  
15 by the United States Government, but for which the  
16 American Battle Monuments Commission cooperated  
17 in the establishment of the memorial.

18 “(b) **LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**—No court cre-  
19 ated by Act of Congress shall have any jurisdiction, and  
20 the Supreme Court shall have no appellate jurisdiction, to  
21 hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpreta-  
22 tion of, or the validity under the Constitution of, this sec-  
23 tion.

24 “(c) **MILITARY MEMORIAL DEFINED.**—In this sec-  
25 tion, the term ‘military memorial’ means a memorial or  
26 monument commemorating the service of the United

1 States Armed Forces. The term includes works of archi-  
2 tecture and art described in section 2105(b) of this title.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
4 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following new item:

“2113. Inclusion of religious symbols as part of military memorials.”.

